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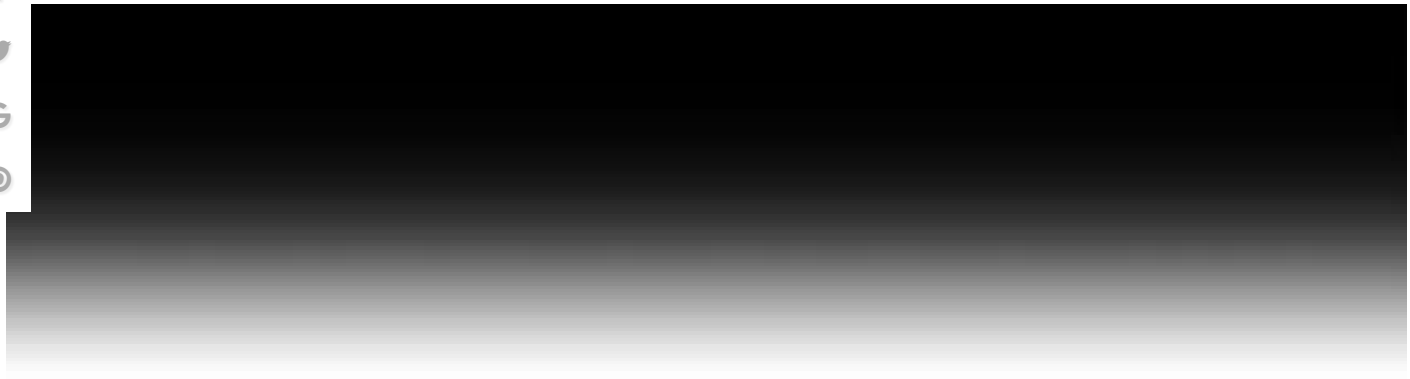

MY CONFESSION

Many of you have been made aware of allegations about me. When our church leadership first talked to me about this I confessed. I was asked not to talk about it publicly until an official and external, third-party investigation could be completed, and our overseers could communicate the findings. I have submitted to this process, and now I am released to address the situation openly:

At the core of these allegations there is truth.

Some years ago, I had an extramarital affair. I am ashamed even to write these words, and I am so sorry that you have to read them. This adulterous relationship is my greatest failure. I take full responsibility for my actions. I have broken bonds of trust with my wife, family, and church family, including the woman I became involved with. I have brought untold pain, heartache, and confusion into the lives of those I love and who love me.

I am deeply sorry.

I was also irresponsible in my role as a spiritual leader and Christian clergy, which involves dynamics of power and influence and an expectation of exemplary conduct that makes me doubly accountable. I accept this responsibility, with deep regret for my actions.

I wish I had had the courage years ago to divulge what has now become publicly known through the bravery of the woman I was involved with. Although I had repented before God, I kept it a secret from others. I am sorry upon sorry for my cowardice. I realize that repentance without confession is only partial and prevents healing and authentic relationship in the light of truth.

Because I have so grievously failed in my responsibilities as a pastor, our church leadership has asked for my resignation, and I have given it. I am no longer a pastor at The Meeting House. I am forever grateful to The Meeting House and Be In Christ Canada for giving me a spiritual home and a sense of family for more than two decades.

I know this news is particularly unsettling for those of you who are part of The Meeting House, and my heart is broken over the heavy burden I am leaving behind for our congregation and leadership to carry together in the wake of my selfish choices.

The Meeting House is blessed with some of the most wise, gracious, and loving leaders I know. Because we have always placed a high value on shared leadership, I trust that my leaving will not significantly upset the church's direction and operations. On the contrary, I believe it will make room for other diverse and exceptional leaders, and I will continue to cheer them on as they lead the church forward.

Finally, I want to briefly respond to the many of you who have sent thoughtful messages asking how we are doing as a family and how I am doing personally…

As you can imagine, my sin has caused devastating grief and pain in my family. It will likely take years to experience significant healing. Still, I think my wife and our daughters are amazingly wise, strong, and loving. I am doing the work of facing the damage I have caused. My family is walking this road alongside me, and the healing is beginning with the help of dear friends, psychotherapy, spiritual direction, and the prayers and encouragement of so many of you. Thank you.

As for what's next in our lives, we just don't know, and we all appreciate your prayers now as we take a season to consider our next steps.

Lastly, it goes without saying, but I will say it anyway – **my failure is not a failure of the presence, power, or teaching of Jesus, but an example of the pain someone like me can cause when I ignore his presence and fail to follow his teaching.** I am grateful for your prayers as I recommit to Jesus and hope to personally experience his restoration and renewal.

Bruxy

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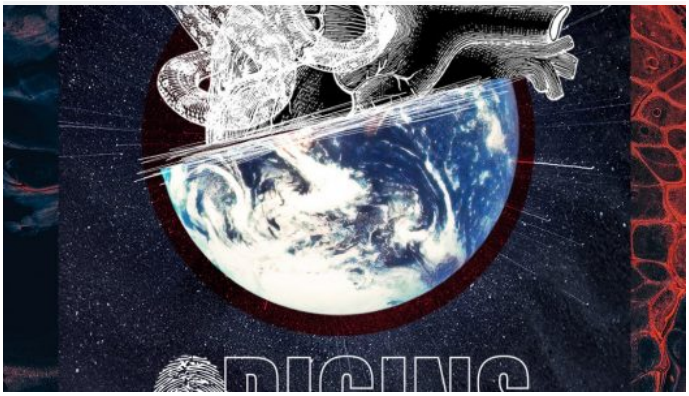

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Thank you, Bruxy, for this clarity and repentance. We love you and are here to support your journey. May God bless and keep you and your precious family.

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MARCH 8, 2022 AT 8:49 PM

REPLY

Bruxy, thank you for this. I know it took courage, love, and humility. Thank you for acknowledging the wrong you've done, the hurt you've caused, the bravery of the woman, your fellow leaders and Christ followers. And most of all, for acknowledging Jesus, who, even though we are broken, speaks to, for, and through us. I have been and will continue to pray for you. Love you, my brother.

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